

CLAIMS:

1. A multi-level stacking container comprising

a base;

5 a first pair of opposing spaced-apart sidewalls extending from the base, each of the sidewalls including a rim, an inner surface, an outer surface, the rim including first and second longitudinally spaced apart pluralities of recesses formed therein; and

10 first and second moveable support bars configured to extend across the pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the moveable support bars including an elongated rod configured to be received within any of the recesses of either of the first or second pluralities of recesses formed in the respective rims of each of the first pair of sidewalls, the rod including first and second inwardly-turned ends pivotally coupled to the respective outer surfaces of each of the sidewalls.

15 2. The container according to claim 1, wherein the elongated rod of each of the support bars is configured to extend outwardly beyond a respective plane defined by each of the first pair of sidewalls.

20 3. The container according to claim 1, wherein each of the first pair of opposing sidewalls further includes first and second longitudinally-spaced apart slots formed in the outer surface, and wherein each of the first and second inwardly-turned ends is configured to be received within and supported by a respective one of the slots.

4. The container according to claim 1, wherein the first support bar is configured to be received within any of the recesses of the first plurality of recesses formed in the rims of each of the first pair of sidewalls, and wherein the second support bar is configured to be received within any of the recesses of the second plurality recesses formed in the rims of each of the first pair of sidewalls.

5. The container according to claim 4, wherein each of the slots comprises a floating pivot.

6. The container according to claim 5, wherein each of the support bars is substantially C-shaped.

7. The container according to claim 6, wherein each of the inwardly-turned ends is configured for pivotal movement within the respective floating pivot.

8. The container according to claim 7, wherein each of the ends is configured for movement within the respective floating pivots as the respective support bars are moved between positions of registration within the respective plurality of recesses.

9. The container according to claim 8, wherein the recesses extend from the inner surface to the outer surface of the respective sidewalls.

10. The container according to claim 9, wherein the elongated rod of each of the

support bars is configured to extend outwardly beyond a respective plane defined by each of the first pair of sidewalls.

11. The container according to claim 10, wherein each of the first and the second plurality of recesses includes at least one recess that extends deeper into a respective one of the sidewalls than at least one other recess.

12. The container according to claim 11, wherein each of the plurality of recesses consists of a first recess and a second recess, and wherein the first recess extends deeper into a respective one of the sidewalls than the second recess.

13. The container according to claim 12, further comprising a second pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the second pair of opposing sidewalls extending between the first pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the second pair of opposing sidewalls including an outer surface and a support surface extending peripherally from the outer surface and configured to support a respective one of the support bars.

14. The container according to claim 13, wherein each of the ends is configured for movement within the respective floating pivots as a respective one of the support bars is moved between positions of registration within the respective plurality of recesses and on the respective one of the support surfaces.

15. The container according to claim 13, wherein each of the support surfaces

comprises a ledge configured to receive a respective one of the support bars.

16. The container according to claim 14, wherein each of the plurality of recesses consists of a first and a second recess, and wherein the first recess extends deeper into a respective one of the sidewalls than the second recess.

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